

# MARYLAND CAREY LAW NURTURES OPPORTUNITY



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One of the best parts of being dean is the opportunity to visit with and hear stories from alumni about their career journey and how their experience at Maryland Carey Law impacted their journey. For some the path was very direct, and their legal careers aligned with their expectations. For most, however, their career path was more like an exciting whitewater rafting trip, with many dips, turns, and thrills. In almost all of the stories, the law degree from Maryland Carey Law formed the foundation for analytical thinking and problem-solving that primed the storyteller to succeed in their ultimate endeavor.

In this issue of the Maryland Carey Law magazine, you will learn about the ways Maryland Carey Law nurtures opportunity.

Our cover story highlights the journey of several of our alumni interested in business law from law school to becoming in-house counsel. It also highlights our Business Law Fellowship that has allowed our students to explore careers in business and as in-house counsel. Another article celebrates our Master of Science in Law program that debuted in 2015. The MSL is designed for non-lawyers who desire a stronger legal background to support work in their field.

Maryland Carey Law continues to embrace diversity and inclusion as part of its core mission. We are thrilled to celebrate the Black Law Student Association's (BLSA) 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We look back on the history of our BLSA chapter and the impact it continues to have today in expanding opportunities for its members. We are proud that our JD program has the highest percentage of African-American students of any law school ranked among the top 50 in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

We are also proud to announce the Erin Levitas Initiative for Sexual Assault Prevention at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. Erin Levitas was set to enroll at Maryland Carey Law in the fall of 2015, but a rare form of cancer prevented her from enrolling and later took her life. Erin wanted to use the law to address issues surrounding sexual violence. This new groundbreaking initiative will carry on Erin's vision by doing the work she would have done had she become a lawyer.

Lawyers change the world. We do it in many different ways and in very different fields. As dean at Maryland Carey Law, I am proud of the rich curriculum, innovative programs, thoughtful faculty, dedicated staff, and engaged alumni who help prepare our students for life beyond law school. Thanks to you, we will continue to create and nurture opportunity for our students.




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